

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A shipping management computer system, said computer system programmed to:

display to each of a plurality of users, upon each user's request, as to each particular parcel to be shipped by each user, an online interactive graphic comparison of a plurality of shipping rates calculated for each of a plurality of services offered by each of a plurality of carriers to ship a particular parcel, each shipping rate corresponding to a particular service offered by a particular carrier for delivering the particular parcel to a particular delivery destination at a particular parcel delivery time on a particular parcel delivery date, wherein each user accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a client computer device, and wherein each user has an individual electronic connection to the global communications network.

2. The computer system of Claim 1, said computer system further programmed to:

display said online interactive graphic comparison comprising an array of a plurality of cells.

3. The computer system of Claim 2, said computer system further programmed to:

display each of said cells at an intersection of indications of a parcel delivery date and a parcel delivery time.

4. The computer system of Claim 3, said computer system further programmed to:

display in each cell corresponding to a delivery date and a delivery time for which delivery of the particular parcel is supported by at least one particular service offered by at least one particular carrier each shipping rate for shipping the particular parcel calculated

1 according to a set of rules for delivery of the particular parcel by each corresponding service  
2 offered by each corresponding carrier.

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4 5. The computer system of Claim 4, said computer system further programmed  
5 to:

6 subdivide each cell for which more than one carrier supports delivery of the parcel at  
7 the particular delivery time on the particular delivery date corresponding to said cell into a  
8 plurality of sub-cell divisions, each of said sub-cell divisions corresponding to a particular  
9 service by a particular carrier that supports delivery of said parcel at the particular delivery  
10 time on the particular delivery date that corresponds to the particular cell.

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12 6. The computer system of Claim 5, said computer system further programmed  
13 to:

14 colorize the display of each sub-cell division containing a display of a shipping rate  
15 for shipping the particular parcel, said shipping rate corresponding to a particular service  
16 offered by a particular carrier, each cell having a color that corresponds to the particular  
17 carrier, each carrier having a different corresponding color.

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19 7. The computer system of Claim 6, said computer system further programmed  
20 to:

21 display each cell of the online display of said array as further containing an onscreen  
22 interactive selection button.

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24 8. The computer system of Claim 7, said computer system further programmed  
25 to:

26 detect a placement by an onscreen cursor over the onscreen interactive selection  
27 button of a particular cell; and

28 respond to the onscreen cursor placement by displaying an onscreen window in an  
29 area in close proximity to the cell, said window containing the name of the carrier and a

1 description of the service corresponding to the cell.

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3 9. The computer system of Claim 7, said computer system further programmed  
4 to:

5 detect a clicking by an onscreen cursor over an onscreen interactive selection button  
6 of a particular cell; and

7 respond to the onscreen cursor clicking the selection button by displaying an onscreen  
8 display of a shipping label for shipping the parcel with the carrier and the service  
9 corresponding to the particular cell.

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11 10. The computer system of Claim 7, said computer system further programmed  
12 to:

13 detect a clicking by an onscreen cursor over an onscreen interactive selection button  
14 of a particular cell; and

15 respond to the onscreen cursor clicking the selection button by displaying an onscreen  
16 display of a shipping document for shipping the parcel with the carrier and the service  
17 corresponding to the particular cell.

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19 11. The computer system of Claim 7, said computer system further programmed  
20 to:

21 detect a placement by an onscreen cursor over an onscreen display of a particular cell;  
22 and

23 respond to the onscreen cursor placement by displaying an onscreen window in an  
24 area in close proximity to the cell, said window containing the name of the carrier and a  
25 description of the service corresponding to the cell.

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27 12. The computer system of Claim 7, said computer system further programmed  
28 to:

29 detect a clicking by an onscreen cursor over a display of a particular cell; and

1           respond to the onscreen cursor clicking by displaying an onscreen display of a  
2 shipping label for shipping the parcel with the carrier and the service corresponding to the  
3 cell.

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5           13.     A computer system programmed for managing parcel shipping, said computer  
6 system programmed to:

7           display to one particular user of a plurality of users a plurality of shipping rates for  
8 shipping a parcel, each shipping rate corresponding to delivery of the parcel at a particular  
9 delivery time on a particular delivery date by one of a plurality of services offered by one of a  
10 plurality of carriers, wherein each user accesses the computer system over a global  
11 communications network using a client computer device, and wherein each user has an  
12 individual electronic connection to the global communications network.

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14           14.     The computer system of Claim 13, wherein each of said shipping rates  
15 corresponds to a calculation according to a set of carrier rules for shipping said parcel for a  
16 particular one of said services offered by a particular one of said carriers that supports  
17 delivery of said parcel according to a set of user input parcel specifications and a set of user  
18 input parcel specifications.

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20           15.     The computer system of Claim 14, said computer system further programmed  
21 to:

22           display said plurality of shipping rates in the form of an online interactive graphic  
23 array, said interactive graphic array having an first axis and a second axis.

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25           16.     The computer system of Claim 15, said computer system further programmed  
26 to:

27           display along the first axis of the online interactive graphic array a plurality of  
28 delivery dates that follow a current date.

1           17.     The computer system of Claim 16, said computer system further programmed  
2 to:

3           graphically dedicate to each of the plurality of displayed delivery dates a delivery  
4 date-related portion of the online interactive graphic array, wherein each of said delivery  
5 date-related portions is perpendicular to the first axis, and wherein each of said delivery date-  
6 related portions is aligned with one of the plurality of displayed delivery dates.

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8           18.     The computer system of Claim 16, said computer system further programmed  
9 to:

10          display along the second axis of the online interactive graphic array a plurality of  
11 delivery times; and

12          graphically dedicate to each of the plurality of displayed delivery times a delivery  
13 time-related portion of the online interactive graphic array, wherein each of said delivery  
14 time-related portions is perpendicular to the second axis, and wherein each of said delivery  
15 time-related portions is aligned with one of the plurality of displayed delivery times.

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17          19.     The computer system of Claim 18, said computer system further programmed  
18 to:

19          display each shipping rate that corresponds to delivery of the parcel by a particular  
20 carrier at a particular delivery time on a particular delivery date at an intersection of a  
21 delivery date-related portion and a delivery time-related portion for which the carrier and the  
22 service supports delivery of the parcel on the delivery date aligned with the intersecting  
23 delivery date-related portion and at the delivery time aligned with the intersecting delivery  
24 time-related portion.

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26          20.     The computer system of Claim 19, said computer system further programmed  
27 to:

28          colorize each of said intersections containing a shipping rate with a color  
29 corresponding to the carrier that offers the service of delivering the parcel on the delivery

1 date aligned with the intersecting delivery date-related portion and at the delivery time  
2 aligned with the intersecting delivery time-related portion.

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4 21. The computer system of Claim 19, said computer system further programmed  
5 to:  
6 display along the second axis of the online interactive graphic array a plurality of  
7 carrier names, each carrier name corresponding to a particular carrier; and  
8 graphically dedicate to each of the plurality of displayed carrier names a portion of the  
9 online interactive graphic array that is perpendicular to the second axis and aligned with said  
10 carrier name.

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12 22. The computer system of Claim 21, said computer system further programmed  
13 to:  
14 detect a first clicking by an onscreen cursor over a portion of the online interactive  
15 graphic array corresponding to a first particular carrier; and  
16 respond to the first onscreen cursor clicking by expanding the display of the portion of  
17 the online interactive graphic array corresponding to the first particular carrier to display a  
18 plurality of services offered by the first particular carrier, each service offering delivery of  
19 said parcel at a particular delivery time on a particular delivery date.

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21 23. The computer system of Claim 22, said computer system further programmed  
22 to:  
23 display a shipping rate at each intersection of each particular delivery date and each  
24 particular service for which delivery of said parcel on the particular delivery date is supported  
25 by the particular service offered by the first particular carrier.

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27 24. The computer system of Claim 23, said computer system further programmed  
28 to:  
29 detect a second clicking by an onscreen cursor over the portion of the online

1 interactive graphic array corresponding to a second particular carrier; and  
2 respond to the second onscreen cursor clicking by collapsing the display of the  
3 portion of the online interactive graphic array corresponding to the first particular carrier and  
4 by expanding the display of the portion of the online interactive graphic array corresponding  
5 to the second particular carrier to display a plurality of services offered by the second  
6 particular carrier.

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8 25. The computer system of Claim 24, said computer system further programmed  
9 to:

10 display a shipping rate at each intersection of each particular delivery date and each  
11 particular service for which delivery of said parcel on the particular delivery date is supported  
12 by the service offered by the second particular carrier, each service offering delivery of said  
13 parcel at a particular delivery time on a particular delivery date.

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15 26. A shipping management computer system, said computer system programmed  
16 to:

17 prompt a user, in response to a user request for a shipping rate and delivery time  
18 comparison, with an interactive prompt comprising a plurality of cells, wherein each of said  
19 cells comprises an intersection of indications of a parcel delivery date and a parcel delivery time  
20 and wherein at least one of said cells displays for user selection a calculated shipping rate  
21 corresponding to a particular carrier delivering said parcel at the indicated delivery time on the  
22 indicated delivery date according to a particular service offered by the particular carrier.

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24 27. A shipping management computer system, said computer system programmed  
25 to:

26 prompt one particular user of a plurality of users with a service and carrier selection user  
27 prompt to select one of a plurality of services offered by one of a plurality of carriers for shipping  
28 a particular parcel to be shipped by the particular user, wherein each user accesses the computer  
29 system over a global communications network using a client computer device, each user client  
30 computer device having an individual electronic connection to the global communications

1 network.

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3 28. A shipping management computer system, said computer system programmed  
4 to:

5 collect user input from one particular user of a plurality of users of a selection by the  
6 particular user of a shipping rate, wherein said shipping rate corresponds to one of a plurality  
7 of services offered by one of a plurality of carriers for shipping said parcel wherein each user  
8 accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a client computer  
9 device, each user client computer device having an individual electronic connection to the  
10 global communications network.

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12 29. A computer system programmed for managing parcel shipping, said computer  
13 system programmed to:

14 detect a clicking by one particular user of a plurality of users of a cell of an online  
15 interactive display containing a shipping rate as a selection by the particular user of a  
16 particular service of a plurality of services offered by one of a plurality of carriers, wherein  
17 said selected shipping rate corresponds to the particular service offered by the particular  
18 carrier, wherein each user accesses the computer system over a global communications  
19 network using a client computer device, and wherein each user has an individual electronic  
20 connection to the global communications network.

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22 30. A computer system programmed for managing parcel shipping, said computer  
23 system programmed to:

24 detect a placement of a cursor by one particular user of a plurality of users over a cell  
25 of an online interactive display containing a shipping rate as a selection by the particular user  
26 of a particular service of a plurality of services offered by one of a plurality of carriers,  
27 wherein said selected shipping rate corresponds to the particular service offered by the  
28 particular carrier, wherein each user accesses the computer system over a global  
29 communications network using a client computer device, and wherein each user has an



individual electronic connection to the global communications network.

31. A computer system programmed for managing parcel shipping, said computer system programmed to:

respond to a clicking by one particular user of a plurality of users of a cell of an online interactive display containing a shipping rate by displaying an onscreen display of a shipping label for shipping a particular parcel with a carrier and a service, wherein said selected cell contains a shipping rate that corresponds to the corresponding service and carrier, wherein each user accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a client computer device, and wherein each user has an individual electronic connection to the global communications network.

32. A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, the method comprising:

displaying to each of a plurality of users, upon each user's request, as to each particular parcel to be shipped by each user, an online interactive graphic comparison of a plurality of shipping rates calculated for each of a plurality of services offered by each of a plurality of carriers to ship a particular parcel, each shipping rate corresponding to a particular service offered by a particular carrier for delivering the particular parcel to a particular delivery destination at a particular parcel delivery time on a particular parcel delivery date, wherein each user accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a client computer device, and wherein each user has an individual electronic connection to the global communications network.

33. The method of Claim 32, said method further comprising:

displaying said online interactive graphic comparison comprising an array of a plurality of cells.

34. The method of Claim 33, said method further comprising:

1 displaying each of said cells at an intersection of indications of a parcel delivery date  
2 and a parcel delivery time.

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4 35. The method of Claim 34, said method further comprising:  
5 displaying in each cell corresponding to a delivery date and a delivery time for which  
6 delivery of the particular parcel is supported by at least one particular service offered by at  
7 least one particular carrier each shipping rate for shipping the particular parcel calculated  
8 according to a set of rules for delivery of the particular parcel by each corresponding service  
9 offered by each corresponding carrier.

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11 36. The method of Claim 35, said method further comprising:  
12 subdividing each cell for which more than one carrier supports delivery of the parcel  
13 at the particular delivery time on the particular delivery date corresponding to said cell into a  
14 plurality of sub-cell divisions, each of said sub-cell divisions corresponding to a particular  
15 service by a particular carrier that supports delivery of said parcel at the particular delivery  
16 time on the particular delivery date that corresponds to the particular cell.

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18 37. The method of Claim 36, said method further comprising:  
19 colorizing the display of each sub-cell division containing a display of a shipping rate  
20 for shipping the particular parcel, said shipping rate corresponding to a particular service  
21 offered by a particular carrier, each cell having a color that corresponds to the particular  
22 carrier, each carrier having a different corresponding color.

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24 38. The method of Claim 37, said method further comprising:  
25 displaying each cell of the online display of said array as further containing an  
26 onscreen interactive selection button.

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28 39. The method of Claim 38, said method further comprising:  
29 detecting a placement by an onscreen cursor over the onscreen interactive selection

1 button of a particular cell; and

2 responding to the onscreen cursor placement by displaying an onscreen window in an  
3 area in close proximity to the cell, said window containing the name of the carrier and a  
4 description of the service corresponding to the cell.

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6 40. The method of Claim 38, said method further comprising:  
7 detecting a clicking by an onscreen cursor over an onscreen interactive selection  
8 button of a particular cell; and  
9 responding to the onscreen cursor clicking the selection button by displaying an  
10 onscreen display of a shipping label for shipping the parcel with the carrier and the service  
11 corresponding to the particular cell.

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13 41. The method of Claim 38, said method further comprising:  
14 detecting a clicking by an onscreen cursor over an onscreen interactive selection  
15 button of a particular cell; and  
16 responding to the onscreen cursor clicking the selection button by displaying an  
17 onscreen display of a shipping document for shipping the parcel with the carrier and the  
18 service corresponding to the particular cell.

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20 42. The method of Claim 38, said method further comprising to:  
21 detecting a placement by an onscreen cursor over an onscreen display of a particular  
22 cell; and  
23 responding to the onscreen cursor placement by displaying an onscreen window in an  
24 area in close proximity to the cell, said window containing the name of the carrier and a  
25 description of the service corresponding to the cell.

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27 42. The method of Claim 38 said method further comprising:  
28 detecting a clicking by an onscreen cursor over a display of a particular cell; and  
29 responding to the onscreen cursor clicking by displaying an onscreen display of a

1 shipping label for shipping the parcel with the carrier and the service corresponding to the  
2 cell.

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4 43. A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of  
5 parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, the method comprising:  
6 displaying to one particular user of a plurality of users a plurality of shipping rates for  
7 shipping a parcel, each shipping rate corresponding to delivery of the parcel at a particular  
8 delivery time on a particular delivery date by one of a plurality of services offered by one of a  
9 plurality of carriers, wherein each user accesses the computer system over a global  
10 communications network using a client computer device, and wherein each user has an  
11 individual electronic connection to the global communications network.

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13 44. The method of Claim 43, wherein each of said shipping rates corresponds to a  
14 calculation according to a set of carrier rules for shipping said parcel for a particular one of  
15 said services offered by a particular one of said carriers that supports delivery of said parcel  
16 according to a set of user input parcel specifications and a set of user input parcel  
17 specifications.

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19 45. The method of Claim 44, said method further comprising:  
20 displaying said plurality of shipping rates in the form of an online interactive graphic  
21 array, said interactive graphic array having a first axis and a second axis.

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23 46. The method of Claim 45, said method further comprising:  
24 displaying along the first axis of the online interactive graphic array a plurality of  
25 delivery dates that follow a current date.

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27 47. The method of Claim 46, said method further comprising:  
28 graphically dedicating to each of the plurality of displayed delivery dates a delivery  
29 date-related portion of the online interactive graphic array, wherein each of said delivery

1 date-related portions is perpendicular to the first axis, and wherein each of said delivery date-  
2 related portions is aligned with one of the plurality of displayed delivery dates.

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4 48. The method of Claim 46, said method further comprising:  
5 displaying along the second axis of the online interactive graphic array a plurality of  
6 delivery times; and

7 graphically dedicating to each of the plurality of displayed delivery times a delivery  
8 time-related portion of the online interactive graphic array, wherein each of said delivery  
9 time-related portions is perpendicular to the second axis, and wherein each of said delivery  
10 time-related portions is aligned with one of the plurality of displayed delivery times.

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12 49. The method of Claim 48, said method further comprising:  
13 displaying each shipping rate that corresponds to delivery of the parcel by a particular  
14 carrier at a particular delivery time on a particular delivery date at an intersection of a  
15 delivery date-related portion and a delivery time-related portion for which the carrier and the  
16 service supports delivery of the parcel on the delivery date aligned with the intersecting  
17 delivery date-related portion and at the delivery time aligned with the intersecting delivery  
18 time-related portion.

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20 50. The method of Claim 49, said method further comprising:  
21 colorizing each of said intersections containing a shipping rate with a color  
22 corresponding to the carrier that offers the service of delivering the parcel on the delivery  
23 date aligned with the intersecting delivery date-related portion and at the delivery time  
24 aligned with the intersecting delivery time-related portion.

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26 51. The method of Claim 49, said method further comprising:  
27 displaying along the second axis of the online interactive graphic array a plurality of  
28 carrier names, each carrier name corresponding to a particular carrier; and  
29 graphically dedicating to each of the plurality of displayed carrier names a portion of

1 the online interactive graphic array that is perpendicular to the second axis and aligned with  
2 said carrier name.

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4 52. The method of Claim 51, said method further comprising:  
5 detecting a first clicking by an onscreen cursor over a portion of the online interactive  
6 graphic array corresponding to a first particular carrier; and  
7 responding to the first onscreen cursor clicking by expanding the display of the  
8 portion of the online interactive graphic array corresponding to the first particular carrier to  
9 display a plurality of services offered by the first particular carrier, each service offering  
10 delivery of said parcel at a particular delivery time on a particular delivery date.

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12 53. The method of Claim 52, said method further comprising:  
13 displaying a shipping rate at each intersection of each particular delivery date and  
14 each particular service for which delivery of said parcel on the particular delivery date is  
15 supported by the particular service offered by the first particular carrier.

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17 54. The method of Claim 53, said method further comprising:  
18 detecting a second clicking by an onscreen cursor over the portion of the online  
19 interactive graphic array corresponding to a second particular carrier; and  
20 responding to the second onscreen cursor clicking by collapsing the display of the  
21 portion of the online interactive graphic array corresponding to the first particular carrier and  
22 by expanding the display of the portion of the online interactive graphic array corresponding  
23 to the second particular carrier to display a plurality of services offered by the second  
24 particular carrier.

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26 55. The method of Claim 54, said method further comprising:  
27 displaying a shipping rate at each intersection of each particular delivery date and  
28 each particular service for which delivery of said parcel on the particular delivery date is  
29 supported by the service offered by the second particular carrier, each service offering

1 delivery of said parcel at a particular delivery time on a particular delivery date.

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3 56. A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of  
4 parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, the method comprising:

5 prompting a user, in response to a user request for a shipping rate and delivery time  
6 comparision, with an interactive prompt comprising a plurality of cells, wherein each of said  
7 cells comprises an intersection of indications of a parcel delivery date and a parcel delivery time  
8 and wherein at least one of said cells displays for user selection a calculated shipping rate  
9 corresponding to a particular carrier delivering said parcel at the indicated delivery time on the  
10 indicated delivery date according to a particular service offered by the particular carrier.

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12 57. A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of  
13 parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, the method comprising:

14 prompting one particular user of a plurality of users with a service and carrier selection  
15 user prompt to select one of a plurality of services offered by one of a plurality of carriers for  
16 shipping a particular parcel to be shipped by the particular user, wherein each user accesses the  
17 computer system over a global communications network using a client computer device, each  
18 user client computer device having an individual electronic connection to the global  
19 communications network.

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21 58. A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of  
22 parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, the method comprising:

23 collecting user input from one particular user of a plurality of users of a selection by the  
24 particular user of a shipping rate, wherein said shipping rate corresponds to one of a plurality of  
25 services offered by one of a plurality of carriers for shipping said parcel wherein each user  
26 accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a client computer  
27 device, each user client computer device having an individual electronic connection to the global  
28 communications network.

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30 59. A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of  
31 parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, the method comprising:

1 detecting a clicking by one particular user of a plurality of users of a cell of an online  
2 interactive display containing a shipping rate as a selection by the particular user of a  
3 particular service of a plurality of services offered by one of a plurality of carriers, wherein  
4 said selected shipping rate corresponds to the particular service offered by the particular  
5 carrier, wherein each user accesses the computer system over a global communications  
6 network using a client computer device, and wherein each user has an individual electronic  
7 connection to the global communications network.

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9 60. A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of  
10 parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, the method comprising:

11 detecting a placement of a cursor by one particular user of a plurality of users over a  
12 cell of an online interactive display containing a shipping rate as a selection by the particular  
13 user of a particular service of a plurality of services offered by one of a plurality of carriers,  
14 wherein said selected shipping rate corresponds to the particular service offered by the  
15 particular carrier, wherein each user accesses the computer system over a global  
16 communications network using a client computer device, and wherein each user has an  
17 individual electronic connection to the global communications network.

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19 61. A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of  
20 parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, the method comprising:

21 responding to a clicking by one particular user of a plurality of users of a cell of an  
22 online interactive display containing a shipping rate by displaying an onscreen display of a  
23 shipping label for shipping a particular parcel with a carrier and a service, wherein said  
24 selected cell contains a shipping rate that corresponds to the corresponding service and  
25 carrier, wherein each user accesses the computer system over a global communications  
26 network using a client computer device, and wherein each user has an individual electronic  
27 connection to the global communications network.

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29 62. A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for



1 execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by  
2 any one of a plurality of carriers, the computer program product comprising:

3 a set of program instructions for displaying to each of a plurality of users, upon each  
4 user's request, as to each particular parcel to be shipped by each user, an online interactive  
5 graphic comparison of a plurality of shipping rates calculated for each of a plurality of  
6 services offered by each of a plurality of carriers to ship a particular parcel, each shipping rate  
7 corresponding to a particular service offered by a particular carrier for delivering the  
8 particular parcel to a particular delivery destination at a particular parcel delivery time on a  
9 particular parcel delivery date, wherein each user accesses the computer system over a global  
10 communications network using a client computer device, and wherein each user has an  
11 individual electronic connection to the global communications network.  
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13 63. A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for  
14 execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by  
15 any one of a plurality of carriers, the computer program product comprising:

16 a set of program instructions for displaying to one particular user of a plurality of  
17 users a plurality of shipping rates for shipping a parcel, each shipping rate corresponding to  
18 delivery of the parcel at a particular delivery time on a particular delivery date by one of a  
19 plurality of services offered by one of a plurality of carriers, wherein each user accesses the  
20 computer system over a global communications network using a client computer device, and  
21 wherein each user has an individual electronic connection to the global communications  
22 network.  
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24 64. A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for  
25 execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by  
26 any one of a plurality of carriers, the computer program product comprising:

27 a set of program instructions for prompting a user, in response to a user request for a  
28 shipping rate and delivery time comparison, with an interactive prompt comprising a  
29 plurality of cells, wherein each of said cells comprises an intersection of indications of a

1 parcel delivery date and a parcel delivery time and wherein at least one of said cells displays  
2 for user selection a calculated shipping rate corresponding to a particular carrier delivering  
3 said parcel at the indicated delivery time on the indicated delivery date according to a  
4 particular service offered by the particular carrier.

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6 65. A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for  
7 execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by  
8 any one of a plurality of carriers, the computer program product comprising:

9 a set of program instructions for prompting one particular user of a plurality of users  
10 with a service and carrier selection user prompt to select one of a plurality of services offered  
11 by one of a plurality of carriers for shipping a particular parcel to be shipped by the particular  
12 user, wherein each user accesses the computer system over a global communications network  
13 using a client computer device, each user client computer device having an individual  
14 electronic connection to the global communications network.

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16 66. A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for  
17 execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by  
18 any one of a plurality of carriers, the computer program product comprising:

19 a set of program instructions for collecting user input from one particular user of a  
20 plurality of users of a selection by the particular user of a shipping rate, wherein said shipping  
21 rate corresponds to one of a plurality of services offered by one of a plurality of carriers for  
22 shipping said parcel wherein each user accesses the computer system over a global  
23 communications network using a client computer device, each user client computer device  
24 having an individual electronic connection to the global communications network.

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26 67. A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for  
27 execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by  
28 any one of a plurality of carriers, the computer program product comprising:

29 a set of program instructions for detecting a clicking by one particular user of a

1 plurality of users of a cell of an online interactive display containing a shipping rate as a  
2 selection by the particular user of a particular service of a plurality of services offered by one  
3 of a plurality of carriers, wherein said selected shipping rate corresponds to the particular  
4 service offered by the particular carrier, wherein each user accesses the computer system over  
5 a global communications network using a client computer device, and wherein each user has  
6 an individual electronic connection to the global communications network.

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8 68. A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for  
9 execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by  
10 any one of a plurality of carriers, the computer program product comprising:

11 a set of program instructions for detecting a placement of a cursor by one particular  
12 user of a plurality of users over a cell of an online interactive display containing a shipping  
13 rate as a selection by the particular user of a particular service of a plurality of services  
14 offered by one of a plurality of carriers, wherein said selected shipping rate corresponds to  
15 the particular service offered by the particular carrier, wherein each user accesses the  
16 computer system over a global communications network using a client computer device, and  
17 wherein each user has an individual electronic connection to the global communications  
18 network.

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20 69. A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for  
21 execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by  
22 any one of a plurality of carriers, the computer program product comprising:

23 a set of program instructions for responding to a clicking by one particular user of a  
24 plurality of users of a cell of an online interactive display containing a shipping rate by  
25 displaying an onscreen display of a shipping label for shipping a particular parcel with a  
26 carrier and a service, wherein said selected cell contains a shipping rate that corresponds to  
27 the corresponding service and carrier, wherein each user accesses the computer system over a  
28 global communications network using a client computer device, and wherein each user has an  
29 individual electronic connection to the global communications network.

1           70.     An online interactive shipping management computer system, said computer  
2 system programmed to:

3           instruct a particular remote user client computer from a plurality of remote computer  
4 devices to regenerate a display of shipping information based on modified input by a  
5 particular user to the particular remote user client computer device, wherein the computer  
6 system communicates with each remote user client computer device over a global  
7 communications network.

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9           71.     A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of  
10 parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, the method comprising:

11           instructing a particular remote user client computer from a plurality of remote  
12 computer devices to regenerate a display of shipping information based on modified input by  
13 a particular user to the particular remote user client computer device, wherein the computer  
14 system communicates with each remote user client computer device over a global  
15 communications network.

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17           72.     A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for  
18 execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by  
19 any one of a plurality of carriers, the computer program product comprising:

20           a set of program instructions for instructing a particular remote user client computer  
21 from a plurality of remote computer devices to regenerate a display of shipping information  
22 based on modified input by a particular user to the particular remote user client computer  
23 device, wherein the computer system communicates with each remote user client computer  
24 device over a global communications network.

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26           73.     A method using a computer system for regenerating a shipping information  
27 display at a client computer device connected to the computer system over a global  
28 communications network, the method comprising:

29           distributing to the client computer device an executable set of executed computer

1 instructions for generating an interactive user interface shipping information display, a set of  
2 data input by a particular user from the client computer device, a set of at least one data  
3 collection field and an instruction to execute the executable set of instructions in response to  
4 a user modification of the set of data with input to at least one of the data collection fields.

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6 74. A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for  
7 execution by a computer system for regenerating an online shipping information display at a  
8 client computer device, the computer program product comprising:

9 a set of program instructions for distributing to a remote user client computer device  
10 an executable set of executed computer instructions for generating an interactive user  
11 interface shipping information display, a set of data input by a particular user from the client  
12 computer device, a set of at least one data collection field and an instruction to execute the  
13 executable set of instructions in response to a user modification of the set of data with input  
14 to at least one of the data collection fields, wherein the computer system communicates with  
15 each remote user client computer device over a global communications network.

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17 75. A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of  
18 parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, the method comprising:

19 distributing to a client computer device connected to the computer system over a  
20 global communications network an executable set of executed computer instructions for  
21 generating an interactive user interface display, a set of parcel specifications and shipping  
22 specifications data input by a particular user from the client computer device, a set of at least  
23 one data collection field and an instruction to execute the executable set of instructions in  
24 response to a user modification of the set of data with input to at least one of the data  
25 collection fields.

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27 76. A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for  
28 execution by a client computer device, the computer program product comprising:

29 a set of program instructions for regenerating a display of shipping rates and delivery

1 schedules at any particular remote user client computer device of a plurality of remote user  
2 client computer devices, based on modified parcel specification or shipping specification  
3 input by a particular user at a particular remote user client computer device, wherein the set  
4 of program instructions instruct the client computer to communicate with a shipping  
5 management computer system over a global communications network to obtain rating  
6 information.

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8 77. A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for  
9 execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by  
10 any one of a plurality of carriers, the computer program product comprising:

11 a set of program instructions for distributing to a client computer device connected to  
12 the computer system over a global communications network an executable set of executed  
13 computer instructions for generating an interactive user interface display, a set of parcel  
14 specifications and shipping specifications data input by a particular user from the client  
15 computer device, a set of at least one data collection field and an instruction to execute the  
16 executable set of instructions in response to a user modification of the set of data with input  
17 to at least one of the data collection fields.

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19 78. An online interactive shipping management computer system, said computer  
20 system programmed to:

21 distribute with an interactive user interface shipping information display to a remote  
22 client computer device an executable set of executed computer instructions for generating an  
23 interactive user interface shipping information display.

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25 79. The online interactive shipping management computer system of Claim 78,  
26 said computer system further programmed to:

27 distribute with the interactive user interface shipping information display to a remote  
28 client computer device, a set of data input by a particular user from the client computer  
29 device.

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2           80.     The online interactive shipping management computer system of Claim 79,  
3 said computer system further programmed to:

4           distribute with the interactive user interface shipping information display to a remote  
5 client computer device, a set of at least one data collection field and an instruction to execute  
6 the executable set of instructions in response to a user modification of the set of data with  
7 input to at least one of the data collection fields.

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9           81.     The online interactive shipping management computer system of Claim 80,  
10 wherein the set of data input by a particular user comprises a set of parcel specifications and  
11 shipping specifications data.

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13           82.     A method using a computer system for regenerating an online shipping  
14 information display at a client computer device, the method comprising:  
15           distributing with an interactive user interface shipping information display to a remote  
16 client computer device an executable set of executed computer instructions for generating an  
17 interactive user interface shipping information display.

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19           83.     The method of Claim 82, said method further comprising:  
20           distributing with the interactive user interface shipping information display to a  
21 remote client computer device, a set of data input by a particular user from the client  
22 computer device.

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24           84.     The method of Claim 83, said method further comprising:  
25           distributing with the interactive user interface shipping information display to a  
26 remote client computer device, a set of at least one data collection field and an instruction to  
27 execute the executable set of instructions in response to a user modification of the set of data  
28 with input to at least one of the data collection fields.

1           85.     The method of Claim 84, wherein the set of data input by a particular user  
2 comprises a set of parcel specifications and shipping specifications data.  
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4           86.     A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for  
5 execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by  
6 any one of a plurality of carriers, the computer program product comprising:

7           a set of program instructions for distributing with an interactive user interface  
8 shipping information display to a remote client computer device an executable set of  
9 executed computer instructions for generating an interactive user interface shipping  
10 information display.  
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12           87.     The computer program product of Claim 86, said computer program product  
13 further comprising:

14           a set of program instructions for distributing with the interactive user interface  
15 shipping information display to a remote client computer device, a set of data input by a  
16 particular user from the client computer device.  
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18           88.     The computer program product of Claim 87, said computer program product  
19 further comprising:

20           a set of program instructions for distributing with the interactive user interface  
21 shipping information display to a remote client computer device, a set of at least one data  
22 collection field and an instruction to execute the executable set of instructions in response to  
23 a user modification of the set of data with input to at least one of the data collection fields.  
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25           89.     The method of Claim 88, wherein the set of data input by a particular user  
26 comprises a set of parcel specifications and shipping specifications data.  
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